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TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

DAVID BALABAN et al.

Application No.: 09/397,494

Filed: September 15, 1999

For: COMPUTER BASED METHOD
FOR PROVIDING A LABORATORY
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 8817

Examiner: Jeffrey R. West

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2857

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
Mailed November 7, 2003

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

A listing of the pending claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.